

# ENGLAND IS AGAIN RAIDED BY AIRMEN

## FRENCH BEAT BACK RUSHES OF GERMANS

Paris Reports Heavy Loss to Enemy in Fight on the Somme Front.

## SERBS PRESS FOES

Russian Troops on Asiatic Front Resume Offensive Along Entire Line.

Paris, Aug. 25. (noon.)—The French gains on the Somme front in the vicinity of Maurepas yesterday were followed by a heavy German counter attack last night. Today's official report says the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

The German assault was delivered against Hill 121 near Maurepas.

Heavy shelling of the German lines continues in the region of Lassigny and Roye.

On the Verdun front the Germans attacked Fleury in the night but were unsuccessful.

Berlin, Aug. 25. (via London, 5:30 p. m.)—The capture of Maurepas on the Somme front by the French is recorded in the official announcement of today.

The complete occupation of Maurepas brings the French and English advanced lines on the Somme within two miles of Comblis. Maurepas formed one of the principal supporting points between the Somme and the highway from Albert to Bapaume and also was an important strategic base.

Prince Eitel Commands.

The Germans have placed on the line against the French between Hardecourt and Clerly the fifth division of Bavarian reserves and the first division of the Prussian guards. This guard division is commanded in person by Prince Eitel Frederick, second son of the German emperor and took part in the fighting at Maurepas.

Guelmelt, where the English have made progress, is being defended by the Kaiser Wilhelm II. regiment of Wuertemberg.

On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy's artillery displayed great activity, as did ours, in the region of Thiaumont work. Toward 2 o'clock this morning the Germans made an attempt against Fleury, which failed.

In the forest of Apremont there was a rather lively bombardment of our trenches. This was followed by an attempted attack which was stopped.

Near Chauvencourt an enemy surprise attack against one of our small posts failed.

One of our pilots yesterday brought down a German biplane which fell near Gremy, northeast of Nancy.

Weather Hinders Italians.

Rome, Aug. 25 (via London, Aug. 25, 3:30 p. m.)—The new attack of the Italians in the Dolomites, on the northern part of the front, is being hindered by unfavorable weather conditions, but some further progress is reported in today's official announcement.

Advance British Lines.

London, Aug. 25 (4:42 p. m.)—Official announcement was made today that after hard fighting on the Somme front the British line had been advanced several hundred yards in the region near Delville wood.

Austro-Germans Take Offensive.

Petrograd, (via London, Aug. 25, 3:00 p. m.)—Austro-German forces before Kovel in Volhynia, attempted to take the offensive yesterday but the war office reports were repulsed. Small actions further north in the sector between Vilna and Baranovichi also are recorded.

It is announced that the Russians have resumed their advance along the Asiatic front.

The Turks have evacuated Bitlis.

The Russian offensive in southern Turkish Armenia is being developed energetically. The war office reported today that Russian troops are continuing the attack west of Lake Van.

Bulgars Yield to Pressure.

London, Aug. 25, (11:50 a. m.)—Successes against the Bulgarians along the line of the Serbian front in Macedonia are reported in the Serbian official statement of Aug. 22. The statement declares the Bulgarian forces were yielding to the Serbian pressure and that the positions previously designated for Serbian occupation were being seized and held by Serbian troops.

"The Bulgarians are being pushed back gradually toward the frontier," says the statement.

## STEAMER WILLEHAD REACHES NEW LONDON

New London, Conn., Aug. 25.—The German steamer Willehad, which was interned at Boston at the outbreak of the European war and sailed from Boston yesterday by way of Cape Cod canal, arrived here this morning. She is expected to tie up here for an indefinite period.

## Stage Fight Over Liquor, Two are Hit

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 25.—In a battle yesterday eight miles from Stuart, Va., just across the North Carolina boundary, Revenue Agent B. H. Mays was shot and probably fatally wounded and William Smith, one of the alleged blockaders, was also shot. James and Fletcher Smith, nephews of the wounded man, who were engaged in the battle escaped unhurt. The officers trailed a wagon load of liquor into the home of William Smith and when ordered to surrender he opened fire. Shots were exchanged.

## DEUTSCHLAND IS TO REPEAT TRIP

Members of Crew Have Signed Up for Another Hazardous Voyage Back to United States.

Berlin, Aug. 25. (by wireless to Sayville.)—Preparations for another voyage of the submarine Deutschland to the United States are well under way. Freight is being received for this trip. The amount of cargo now ready is larger than had been expected, the Overseas News agency says. All members of the crew have expressed readiness to sign for the next voyage.

## ILLINOIS GUARDS WILL CAST VOTES

Governor Dunne's Request for a Special Session Finds Favor Among Legislative Members.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 25.—A special session of the Illinois general assembly to pass legislation that will permit Illinois guardsmen on the Mexican border to vote, was practically certain this morning when Governor Dunne had received 94 favorable replies to the telegrams he sent out yesterday to members of the legislature.

Seventy-four members of the house and 20 members of the senate were in favor of the special election and would vote for the bill. Only three members thus far heard from are opposed, two senators and one representative. Three members said they could not attend because of illness. Twenty were non-committal, saying they would try to attend, but not indicating whether they would vote for the measure. Eighty-four are yet to be heard from.

The call for a special session to meet next Monday is expected before night.

Attorney General Patrick J. Lucey, who is expected to return to Springfield today, will be asked to give an opinion on the constitutionality of the proposed measure, to make certain of its legality, although there is little doubt that the constitution permits such legislation.

## UNDER ARREST FOR KILLING IN DUEL

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Frank Carney, accused of killing Michael McDonough in a pistol duel in the saloon of James O'Leary last night, was arrested this morning. He denied the charge.

Sugar Crop of Germany Large.

Berlin, Aug. 25 (by wireless to Sayville.)—Germany's sugar production this year will exceed that of 1915, according to statistics now available, by about 300,000 tons. The yield indicated between 1,700,000 and 1,800,000 tons.

## THE WAR TODAY

Berlin today admits the capture of Maurepas on the Somme front by the French.

The British on the Somme front have pushed further along the Longueval-Bapaume road. This gain, effected northwest of Guillemont, serves still further to hem in that town.

On the Austrian frontier in the Dolomite region the Italians are continuing their offensive despite bad weather.

Petrograd announces that the Russians have resumed their advance along the entire Turkish front. Their armies in southern Armenia have reoccupied Mush. The evacuation of Bitlis, 12 miles southeast of Lake Van by the Turks, is now reported.

Dispatches from the Somme front indicate that the French are preparing to extend their offensive 30 miles south of the present battle line. They are said to have opened a tremendous bombardment from Estrees to Lassigny.

The Russian offensive in Armenia is assuming powerful proportions, Petrograd reporting the reconquest of the town of Mush and the capture of 2,300 prisoners at Raichta.

Main interest in the Saloniki front centers in the attitude of Greece. Conflicting reports are being received as to whether the Greeks and Bulgarians actually have clashed.

The Italians claim the capture of several Austrian positions.

## CALLS HEADS FOR SESSION EARLY TODAY

President Wilson Lets Cabinet Wait While Strike Parley Goes On.

## PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

Hostility of Railroad Presidents to Eight-Hour Day Tends to Complicate.

Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson summoned representatives of the employers and employees involved in the threatened railroad strike to the White house today for conferences to discuss proposals which have developed out of his original plan of settlement.

Arrangements were made for the representatives of employees to see the president at 10:30 o'clock and for the representatives of the employers later.

As the conferences among the railroad executives progress it was said the presidents were standing more closely together for arbitration than at any time since they had assembled here.

It was indicated that the communication being prepared for President Wilson would contain a further insistence on arbitration.

Late this afternoon Presidents Lovett, Holden and Willard, of the Union Pacific, Burlington and Baltimore & Ohio, respectively, went to the White house. It was understood they would outline to President Wilson the conclusion of the select committee of executives so far.

The railway strike negotiations resolved themselves today, outwardly at least, into a more or less confused state.

Expressions of optimism from both sides were not so free as they were yesterday and feeling heretofore general among the managers that a plan to include the eight-hour day would be found was not so evident. Some of the railway executives reverted to their prediction that it never would be conceded.

President Wilson today conferred with the four brotherhood heads. All parties to the conference steadfastly refused to say what was talked about.

The railroad executives conferred among themselves during the day and it was thought possible they might later go to the White house.

Some of the more optimistic still had hopes of a final decision being reached before tomorrow night.

The executives and managers devoted practically no time today to consideration of freight rate increases or settlement of future strikes but centered on the length of the working day and pay.

The brotherhood heads declared they were standing on President Wilson's plan and had not changed their attitude a particle.

Kept Cabinet Waiting.

The four brotherhood heads remained with the president an hour and a half, but would make no statement on leaving. The president kept the cabinet waiting for an hour to continue his conference with the railroad men.

"The situation, insofar as we are concerned," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employees later said, "is absolutely unchanged. No complete concrete proposition to which the railroads will agree has been tendered us. Our position is exactly the same as it was when we accepted the president's plan."

The brotherhood leaders went from the White house to report to a meeting of the men, but insisted they had nothing particular to communicate. W. G. Lee, of the trainmen, gave out copies of an order which he said had been sent by the Northern Pacific to station agents directing them to get local interests to send telegraphic protests to President Wilson against settling the controversy by other means than arbitration. The telegrams, Mr. Lee declared, were evidence of what the men characterize as a propaganda against the president's plan.

Railway presidents today were confronted with a number of objections to their tentative plan for meeting the union brotherhoods' demands by granting the eight-hour day on condition that freight rate increases and public investigation of future wage disputes be assured. They arranged another meeting shortly before noon to consider their special committee's proposal and it appeared possible that a final conclusion would be postponed until next week.

These conditions weighed against the chances of a rate increase.

There is no means of assuring what action the interstate commerce commission might take, particularly inasmuch as previously it has indicated unwillingness to consider wage standards in dealing with proposed rate increases; strong influence of big shippers probably would be thrown against higher rates; President Wilson's stand for an increase would amount to little if he should fail of reelection; regardless of other haz-

ards, new rates could not be put into effect before next March.

The greatest element of uncertainty regarding the proposed legislation for creating a federal body to investigate labor demands before a strike might be allowed was the probable hostility of labor leaders to the plan.

Continued hostility of many presidents to the eight-hour day under any circumstances complicated the situation further.

## I AM BEHIND YOU, MR. PRESIDENT



## BREMEN CAUGHT IN BRITISH NET?

German Sub-Freighter Taken in Dover Straits, Is Story Told by English Marine Officer in New York.

New York, Aug. 25.—The New York City News association quotes an officer of the British merchant marine who arrived here today aboard the White Star steamship Baltic as saying that the German submarine Bremen had been captured by the British and 23 of her crew of 35 made prisoners. The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the straits of Dover in a steel net on Aug. 2. Two members of her crew lost their lives.

The Bremen, it was said, while enmeshed in the net was sighted by a British patrol boat, her stern under water and her bow high above the surface. After endeavoring for a time to extricate the wreck, the patrol boat steamed away for Dover with her prisoners.

According to the officer quoted the British government has maintained silence in regard to the capture, as another German trans-Atlantic submarine, the Amerika, was said to be on the way here and it was hoped to capture her also.

Dumps Guns in Lake.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Enough explosives to blow up a battleship lay at the bottom of Lake Michigan today off Chicago harbor. Yesterday was "cleanup day" in the city custodian's office and revolvers, rifles, dynamite and nitroglycerine confiscated in police raids were dumped into the lake.

## Latest Bulletins

Paris, Aug. 25. (3:50 p. m.)—The shooting down by soldiers of a number of citizens of Girona, Spain, capital of the Catalan province of that name, is reported by the Havas correspondent at Terpingan on the Franco-Spanish frontier.

St. Louis, Aug. 25.—Large bequests to charitable and educational institutions are made in the will of James Gay Butler, multi-millionaire philanthropist, which was filed today. Colonel Butler died last month.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 25.—Captain F. J. Spratt, F. company, Fifth Infantry, national guard of Georgia, was shot and killed today in front of his tent at the state mobilization camp near here. Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta was arrested.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 25.—Glenn Pergande of Urbana, Ill., a member of the First Illinois cavalry, who accidentally shot Trooper Kilop, is missing from Camp Parker, it was announced today. Kilop was wounded in the thigh.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department may not be able to attend the meeting of the federal land bank board here Monday, it was announced today. He was called to his home in New Jersey last night by the illness of his wife, it was said.

## Condition of Spalding Is Now Serious

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 25.—Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding, who has been in failing health for the past two weeks, as the result of a heat attack, was in a more weakened condition today, according to his physician. The archbishop grew weaker during the night and though apparently restless this morning was unable to converse with relatives. He was only able to take liquid nourishment.

## CONGRESS LIKELY TO SOON ADJOURN

Leaders Plan to End Session Next Week Unless Something Unforeseen Should Develop.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Administration leaders in congress were today planning adjournment next Friday or Saturday, Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, said he believed it could be done unless unforeseen developments arose.

Democratic senate leaders announced their intention to pass the general deficiency bill when it comes from the house next Tuesday, then pass the revenue bill and adjourn.

Republican and democratic leaders called absentees to have a quorum in the house Tuesday to dispose of remaining business.

## ARMY BILL NOW PASSES IN HOUSE

Measure Now Goes to President for Signature and Expected to Become Effective.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The army appropriation bill, vetoed by President Wilson because of provisions in its revision of the articles of war, was accepted by the house today with a revision approved by the war department and now goes again to the president for his signature. Chairman Hay of the military committee, author of the provisions which drew the veto, made no fight.

## ILLINOIS BRIGADE GOES ON LONG HIKE

Camp Wilson, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Aug. 25.—A 20 mile march will begin early today by the First Illinois brigade from New Braunfels to Lufkin, Texas. The destination of General Foster's command is Camp Wilson and the final leg of the journey, 12 miles, will be completed tomorrow.

Camp is to be pitched at Lufkin this afternoon after which the men will devote the rest of the day to rest and pastime.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Resumed debate on revenue bill. Senator Hitchcock proposed a tax on news print paper sold for more than \$15 a ton.

Foreign relations committee reported migratory bird protection treaty with Great Britain but failed to act on treaty for purchase of Danish West Indies.

HOUSE.

Met at 11 a. m.

Began discussion of senate amendments to ship bill.

## CHICAGO RECLUSE PREY OF FRIENDS

Probe for Vanished Millions of Edward Morrison Reveals Many Sensational Features.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—Edward W. Morrison, the 80-year-old recluse whose vanished millions are a subject of investigation before Judge Landis in the United States district court, was declared today to have been mulcted out of property valued at \$5,000,000 by a coterie of strange characters within the last 20 years.

Francis J. Houlahan, counsel for Morrison's creditors, declared that unscrupulous lawyers, women and hatters of Chicago's underworld, came into the life of the aged man, whose wealth is estimated for \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, to obtain his money. He was taken on trips to other cities. Attorney Houlahan declared women were brought to see him and new characters introduced to keep his fortune dwindling.

Search of the recluse's quaint, old two-story home in which was thought he had concealed vast sums of money revealed \$1,733 in cash and a bunch of old paper of deeded checks and notes. In one packet almost one hundred "I. O. U.'s" written in various hands but unsigned, and which totalled something over \$150,000, were found. Each slip of paper bore "I. O. U." for amounts ranging from \$500 to \$7,000. No trace of deeded titles and other records of ownership to property, reputed to be worth \$6,000,000, were found.

Investigation into the affairs of Morrison has revealed that James R. Ward, counsel for the aged man, is holding more than \$2,000,000 worth of property conveyed to him by Morrison. John Sommers, a jeweler, disposed of \$200,000 of Morrison's fortune in "entertaining" him. Mrs. Kate Hiller, formerly keeper of a lace shop, obtained \$70,000 in cash and \$57,000 in bonds during the life of Morrison's wife who died in 1909. They were gifts, Mrs. Hiller asserted.

Subpoenas have been issued for the appearance in court of the two Burnstein girls, Margaret and Alice, whom Morrison recently adopted and who their reputed father, Joseph Burnstein, a junk dealer, declares Morrison is the real father.

Under the terms of the will left by Morrison's father, James M. Morrison, the entire estate should go to the city of Chicago if the son died childless.

Two United States deputy marshals battered down the doors of the Morrison home after they had been denied admission, and served a subpoena on Mrs. Anna Briggs, Morrison's housekeeper, to appear before Judge Landis. She was found hiding in the attic.

## NAMES GANG OF AUTO STEALERS

Wausau, Wis., Aug. 25.—Local police holding Alphonse J. Parcellle, Elgin, Ill., charged with receiving stolen automobiles today asserted that Parcellle had made a confession in which he gave the names of a gang of auto thieves and implicated several persons in Chicago and elsewhere.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 90; lowest last night, 59; at 7 a. m. today, 61.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. two miles an hour.

Humidity at 7 p. m., 45; at 7 a. m., 71; at 1 o'clock today, 34.

Stage of water 3.5 feet with a fall of 1 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ZEP RAIDERS DROP BOMBS NEAR LONDON

Fleet of Six Air Fighters Invade English Coasts at Early Hour Today.

## BATTLE IN CLOUDS

Reports Tell of Many Deaths and Much Damage to Property.

London, Aug. 25.—Eight persons were killed and 36 injured in the Zeppelin raid last night. It was announced officially today. One hundred bombs were dropped. One Zeppelin reached the outskirts of London.

London, Aug. 25.—Details of the raid by six hostile airships, which crossed the east and southeast coasts of England between midnight and three o'clock this morning, as disclosed by the official war office statement, show that nine persons are reported to have been injured, some mortally.

"One airship made her way westward well inland," the announcement states. "The remainder of the fleet carried out short incursions over the coast. The number of bombs dropped by the raiders has not yet been ascertained. Several bombs are reported to have been directed at ships at sea. The damage effect by the raid was slight."

"In one locality a railway station and some houses were damaged, and two horses were killed. At another point two houses were wrecked."

"The total casualties have not yet been reported. To date nine persons are reported injured, some fatally."

"Anti-aircraft guns came into action at certain points both on land and from ships at sea. Some of our aircraft went up in pursuit. One airplane succeeded in firing on a raider at close range but she eluded her pursuers in the clouds."

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that three persons were killed and several injured by a Zeppelin which dropped a large number of bombs in the neighborhood of a town on the southeast coast of England. Several houses were damaged.

London Was Objective.

A Central News dispatch says there was great excitement in a town on the Thames estuary at 1 o'clock this morning when news was received of the approach of a Zeppelin. Mist obscured the raider but it could be heard approaching from the coast. After hovering over the town for some time it passed toward the west. Shortly afterward violent explosions, followed by cannonading shook buildings and lighted the sky.

The people thronged the streets, calmly watching these operations, which lasted half an hour.

This dispatch indicates that Zeppelins which visited England last night may have appeared in the vicinity of London, which is on the Thames 60 miles from its mouth. The course of the airship referred to was in the direction of London.

Berlin, Aug. 25 (via London, 5:09 p. m.)—An attack on London by a German airship was made on Wednesday night, the war office announced today.

## SALE OF ISLANDS IS STILL SOUGHT

Action of Danish Parliament Will Not Delay Efforts On Part of Uncle Sam.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Rejection by the Danish upper house of parliament to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States will not delay efforts here to ratify as soon as possible the treaty providing for the purchase of the islands. Announcement to this effect was made last night by Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee.

A meeting of the committee was called for today to further consider the proposed treaty.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Aug. 24 (delayed).—In resolutions unanimously adopted today, the local legislature urged upon the Danish government the expediting of negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The transfer of the islands to the United States as speedily as possible, to end the uncertainty of the present situation, is "earnestly requested," of the mother country. The resolutions were cable to the finance minister of Denmark at Copenhagen.

Elections Called in Mexico.

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—The department of the interior is formulating a decree calling congressional elections. Those elected will organize a constitutional assembly to consider reforms in the constitution.